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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-40 (cancelled)

Claim 41. (original) A method of increasing the plasma concentration of IGF-1 while minimally affecting the plasma concentration of growth hormone, the method comprising administering to a mammal in need of increased plasma concentrations of IGF-1 a therapeutically effective amount of a growth hormone secretagogue in a sustained release formulation or a combination of a sustained release and immediate release dosage form.

Claim 42. (original) A method of claim 41 wherein the growth hormone secretagogue is 2-amino-N-[2-(3a-(R)-benzyl-2-methyl-3-oxo-2,3,3a,4,6,7-hexahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-1-(R)-benzyloxymethyl-2-oxo-ethyl]-isobutyramide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof, or a salt of the prodrug; 2-amino-N-[2-(3a-(R)-benzyl-2-methyl-3-oxo-2,3,3a,4,6,7-hexahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-1-(R)-benzyloxymethyl-2-oxo-ethyl]-isobutyr- amide L-tartrate; 2-amino-N-{1-(R)-(2,4-difluoro-benzyloxymethyl)-2-oxo-2-[3-oxo-3a-(R)-pyridin-2-ylmethyl-2-(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethyl)-2,3,3a,4,6,7-he- xahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethyl}-2-methyl-propionamide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof, or a salt of the prodrug; or the (L)-(+)-tartaric acid salt of 2-amino-N-{1-(R)-(2,4-diflu- oro-benzyloxymethyl)-2-oxo-2-[3-oxo-3a-(R)-pyridin-2-ylmethyl-2-(2,2,2-tri- fluoro-ethyl)-2,3,3a,4,6,7-hexahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethyl}-2- -methyl-propionamide.

Claim 43. (original) A method of claim 41 wherein the growth hormone secretagogue is 2-amino-N-[2-(3a-(R)-benzyl-2-methyl-3-oxo-2,3,3a,4,6,7-hexahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-1-(R)-benzyloxymethyl-2-oxo-ethyl]-isobutyramide L-tartrate.

Claims 44 and 45 (cancelled)

Claims 48-50 (cancelled)